

The Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives welcomes this chance to comment on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making for the Schools and Libraries Universal Support Mechanism, the E-rate (CC docket 02-6). We also wish to commend the Commission for the past success of the E-rate program in helping to provide technological opportunities to the public, through their public library.

This Department endorses the comments filed by the American Library Association in this matter, and wishes to stress the following points as being particularly important for libraries in Kentucky. We believe that applicants should have the choice of paying the full cost of the service to the provider and being reimbursed by the Administrator, or paying only the discount price. Further, we believe that it is in the best interest of our libraries to support the proposed enforcement measures for remittal of payments by providers. We support the proposal to extend the time period for filing appeals and setting the appeal deadline based on the date of postmarking.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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